

bloody war, like the Civil War, we're having an economic war. We're trying to see how much of the taxpayers dollars we can give away to bribe people to come to Nebraska under the guise, under the facade of creating jobs. Nobody, yet, has been able to tell me are we talking about 3.35 an hour jobs, which is less than \$7,000 a year, based on a 40 hour week, 52 weeks a year. Senator Ashford mentioned a friend of his in Omaha in one \$20,000 a year job. We're talking about giving away millions of dollars, but has anybody got a contract with anybody that says, yes, we will provide jobs, no, they won't be at the minimum wage, they'll be at a living wage. No, nothing is said about that. You know when I was appointed Chairman of the Building Maintenance Committee I thought, well, just another little committee, really doesn't amount to much. And then I found out the State of Nebraska owns many, many buildings. I also learned from another committee hearing we own 2,600 buildings, and the State of Nebraska has never found out how many of those buildings are vacant. Task Force 307 has some idea, but now this little Building Maintenance Committee is doing a survey of all the government agencies and telling them, we want to know how many buildings are vacant. At our last committee meeting, so that you won't think Marge Higgins is anti business, I suggested that when we get the information on how many vacant buildings the State of Nebraska has, that we should maintain so that we do not destroy the taxpayers investment in them. Why not give those buildings to those businesses that will locate in Nebraska? We take away the cost of maintaining those vacant buildings, and moreover we get them back on the tax rolls. Businesses will be given those vacant buildings free if things work out the way we hope they do. And they'll pay personal property taxes wherever they are located, and they'll provide jobs. Now that is something we can do for the taxpayers that will make money for this state and not cost millions of dollars to bribe someone because of this contest we are in with other states. We're killing each other and we're not caring a hoot nor holler about those people that are supposed to be getting these magnificent jobs. Since I read you those last two letters, other senators have come forth and told me about things our wonderful state is doing to help business in Nebraska. Are you ready for this? The Iowa prison is making signs for our Nebraska Department of Roads, senators. I know I said that loudly, now I'll say it softly. The Iowa prison is selling, selling, selling signs to the Nebraska Department of Roads. You wouldn't know that the Nebraska penitentiary makes signs, would you? Oh maybe they have to be made immediately, nobody plans ahead in this state anyway. The University of Nebraska is